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To the KING'S most Excellent
MAJESTY.

Expressing her Royall inclination to his sacred
Majesty, and the peace of the Kingdomes
committed to his charge.

With her gracious Advice to his Majesty, concerning
the Propositions, delivered to his Majesty, at Hampton
Court, *Sept. 7. 1647.* by the Commissioners of both
Houses of the Parliament of England, and
the Commissioners of the King-
dome of Scotland.

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THE
QUESTIONS
LETTER

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Excellency, by Royal Institution to his sacred
Majesty, and the Honorable House of Commons

With her Majesty's Answer to the same, containing
the Propositions delivered to his Majesty, at Hampton
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My deare Heart:

AS there could no occasion
minister greater griefe
to my sorrowfull heart,
then to heare of a short
adjournement of these
unnaturall divisions betweene you and
your liege people, and presently to have
the consuming flames of a new *Warre*,
suddenly breake out afresh in your lan-
guishing Kingdomes, So there could no
welcomer newes salute mine care, then
speedily to heare of a finall period to be
put to these unhappy distractions; that
so the sweete harmony of desired peace

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and concord, (which produceth most
 blessings) may reunite you and your
 Subjects, and tie you fast each to other
 in the sacred bands of *Love* and *Unity*,
 the only meanes under God, to support
 your Royall Estate with honour and
 plenty at home, and with power and
 reputation abroad : Therefore I shall
 desire your Majestie to grant your Par-
 liament and people whatsoever with a
 good conscience and honour, you may,
 for the further prevention of shedding
 of innocent blood, and preservation of
 those committed to your charge. Sir,
 assure your selfe, nothing shall be dis-
 pleasing to me, that pleaseth you, my
 Lord; for I shall forever esteeme your
 good, and the good of all your faithfull
 Subjects, the only businesse of all my
 actions, and shall be contented to share
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with you, and them (not only in blessings) but even in the worst of calamities that can happen to a disconsolate, and unjust banished wife: but Sir,

I from my heart forgive all the opprobrious tongues and pens, that have cast their calumnies on my unspotted integrity, and shall pray to the King of Kings, and to your sacred Majesty to doe the like.

Concerning the Propositions tendred your Majesty, I humbly conceive; The chiefe things to be considered, will be two, conscience and policy: For the first, I know it never entred into your Royall thoughts to change the government by Bishops, not only concurring with the most generall opinion of most Christians in all ages, as being the best; but considering you hold your selfe bound by the Oath you tooke at your Coronation, not to alter the Government of the Church, from what you found it. And for the Churches Patrimony, you cannot suffer any diminution or alienation of it, without danger to your conscience, or breach of your Coronation Oath; but for whatsoever shall be offered for the rectifying abu-

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ses crept into the Church in government or discipline,
or for the ease of tender consciences; (and endangering
not the foundation) I desire your Majesty to lend a
speedy care unto, and give your gracious answer
thereunto: For as it is your Majesties duty to pro-
tect the Church; so it is the Churches duty to assist
your Majesty in maintaining your just authority; for
as your Predecessors have beene alwaies carefull to
keepe the dependency of the Clergy intirely upon the
Crowne, without which (as I humbly conceive) it
will scarcely sit fast upon your Royall head; therefore
it much behoves your Majesty to doe nothing to
change or lessen this so necessary dependency.

The other maine Proposition will be concerning
the Militia; next to conscience certainly there is
no fitter subject for a Kings quarrell, for without it
your Majesties power is but a shadow, and therefore
by no means to be quitted; but to be maintained
according to the knowne Lawes of the Land: Yet
for the speedy attainment of this so long looked for
and wished for peace, prayed for by all good Christi-
ans, That your Majesty may be pleased to permit the
City of London, and all other strong Holds and Gar-
risons, with other military Forts, to reside in the
hands of the Parliaments Lord Generall, Sir Tho-
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mas Fairfax, untill Articles be performed and agreed upon, to give such further Assurance for performance of conditions, as your Majesty shall judge necessary for the concluding a firme and lasting Peace; which being once settled, all things may returne, and run in their ancient channels.

I have received a Petition from divers Earles, Lords, and Gentlemen, now banished, and exempted from pardon, who desired that I would move your Majesty to intercede betweene them and your Parliament, that the edge of so severe and sharpe a censure, as perpetuall banishment may be abated by your great clemency, candor, and goodnesse, and they restored into favour, and their Sequestrations taken off, when peace shalbe firmly establisbed, which I know your Majesties mercifull disposition, will (when you shall see time) consider of. Thus, deare Heart, understanding the Commissioners were arrived at your Court of Hampton with Propositions, I thought good to put you in minde, that you have a care of your Honour, and that if you have a peace, it may bee such as may hold. Farewell, my deare Heart, I cannot write any more, but that I am absolutely

Tours, s.

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